

### IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification at page 1, lines 8-12 as follows:

Serial No. 09/753,185, filed January 2, 2001, for "SYSTEM AND  
METHOD FOR REDUNDANT PATH CONNECTIONS IN DIGITAL COMMUNICATIONS  
NETWORK"

Serial No. 09/753,183, filed January 2, 2001, for "BIDIRECTIONAL LINE  
SWITCH RING SYSTEM AND METHOD"